New Vineyard. Aug. 1. 18[illegible]

Friend Ephraim.

As a convenient opportunity presents itself for me to write a letter tonight, I will improve it by writing to you. I received your letter some time ago. but being situated as I have untit of late, it has not been convenient to write. and then, to do as you do (some times) I should not answer it for a year or so. but never mind I will not vex you now but wait until I see you, which I hope will be soon. The folks have gone up to the schoolhouse to meeting. not feeling very well myself. I stay at home and have been sitting by the table rocking and thinking for a long time. until I thought to write. among the rest I have been thinking of the times when you was in these parts. it does not seem as it did then. it seems as though we were not half of us left since know

died, and William is very low. he goes out a very little. I came from meeting around that way to night. poor fellow he has a hard time, and donot know as he will ever be any better. he often speaks of the last summer that he was well, lay and tell over all that passed for the summer. he is very poor, but his courage is quite good, much better than I should suppose.

Dennis Pratt is married to Abby T, I suppose you know, lives where Mr. Bangs used to. Granville has just gone home from Mr. Pratts. Sarah's health is very poor has been for some time. the word is now that Isa Paine is a going to be married soon to Han— Hunter, but he is not sure until the knot is tied. suppose you know Col Lucas is married. cannot think of any more news. and there is so much flirting among the little folks that it is to numerous to mention

I have been to Farmington visited very lately in a millinery shop and expect to go back in a few weeks. I board to Thomas Lowes like very much.
In June I went down to Hents Hill to the close of the Spring term.
the Exhibition was a day and a half. the first eve there was a Levee. next a concert. had a grand time. I went down in the stage from Farmington there were quite a number from P went down. Where did you spend the fourth I spent it in something such a manner as we did the last fourth you spent in M.E. to Phillips & Madrid. was gone from Farmington three days.
I suppose by the way you write, it is time for me to close for I have written much more than you do and in your last letter you spoke of wearying my patience, if you was in earnest, certainly you will be weary of reading mine so I will draw to a close by saying that

I should be happy to hear from you.

From your friend
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